

## House Resolution No. 313

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school athletic programs that truly embody the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and perseverance throughout the competitive season; and

**Whereas**, West Plains High School sponsors a cross country program whose teams have won twenty-three State Titles and forty-nine State Trophies since Hall of Fame coach Joe Bill Dixon started the running program thirty years ago; and

**Whereas**, during the past six years, West Plains High School girls cross country teams have won five State Championships, and during the entire history of the program, twelve boys teams and eleven girls teams have reached the top spot in state competition; and

**Whereas**, with the contributions of senior Brittani Johnson who finished Fifth overall earning all-state honors, the West Plains High School girls cross country Zizzers again captured First Place in Missouri State High School Activities Association sanctioned competition by earning a score of 74 in the Class 3 state event on November 3, 2007; and

**Whereas**, Brittani Johnson was joined on the Zizzer girls cross country team by Makenzie Seidel, Olivia McCormick, Dacey Mitchell, Sabrina Peterman, Ashley Perisho, and Lauren Robson; and

**Whereas**, Brittani Johnson was guided in her cross country endeavors by coaches Joe Bill Dixon, Marvin Hatley, and Alicia Gunter; and

**Whereas**, during 2007 Brittani Johnson and her teammates won the Ozark Conference, the Chile Pepper Cross Country Festival, and the Missouri Southern Stampede; and

**Whereas**, no stranger to honors and accolades, Brittani Johnson has been named Athlete of the Year twice, to the Missouri State Championship Cross Country Team four times, to the Top 25 at the Footlocker Cross Country Regional Championships, and to the All Midwest Regional Team twice; has appeared on the cover of "Missouri Runner and Triathlete" magazine; and set the Missouri Class 3 state course record:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments of the thirty-year-old West Plains High School cross country program and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon earning the Class 3 State Championship trophy in 2007; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Brittani Johnson of West Plains High School.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ward Franz  
District No. 151

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 313, adopted January 30, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker